

### **Careers in Manufacturing activity – Careers forum for newly-arrived students**

On 11<sup>th</sup> September 2009 the Manufacturing and Engineering Skills Advisory Board were able to showcase 'Careers in manufacturing' at a forum for newly-arrived students.

More than 90 students from refugee backgrounds and their teachers attended the forum which was part of the Eastern Refugee Pathways Project, to increase new arrival students' understanding of available education, training and employment options.

Cameron Tait, a Young Industry Ambassador with the 'Careers in manufacturing' program, spoke to students about his work as an Apprentice fitter and turner. Students were able to use an engraver machine at the 'Careers and Manufacturing' table to make a souvenir keyring.

The forum was attended by students from Blackburn English Language School, Croydon Secondary College, Maroondah Secondary College, Norwood Secondary College, Oxley College, Ringwood Secondary College and Wellington Secondary College.

Next term the students will be given the opportunity to participate in industry tours to find out more about career pathways they could consider when leaving school.

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